(ATN) on the P.A.C. Report, regarding the remedial action taken, shall be submitted within six months. Work has been initiated on the preparation of the A.T.N.

Steep Decline in Growth Rate of BEL

2005. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep decline in the rate of growth of the public sector unit Bharat Electronics Ltd;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible therefor; and

(c) what measures are being contemplated to ensure a healthy rate of growth which was being witnessed by this unit during the past several years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. The Value of Production and the Value of Sales of BEL during the last 3 years at current prices was as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Value of Production	Value of Sales
1989-90	694	645
1990-91	700	724
1991-92	701*	724*

*(Provisional)

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Company proposes to adopt the following measures to ensure its healthy growth:

(i) Diversification into civilian markets for items such as Telecommunication (Switching), Medical electronics, Satellite Communication, Consumer Electronics and Systems Engineering;

(ii) Entering into/ undertaking joint ventures/joint development prorgammes with a view to expand domestic and export business;

(iii) Updating of technology through Transfer of Technology;

(iv) Expansion of existing facilities for identified items; and

(v) Strengthening the marketing cadre.

Indictment of Ministry of Defence by the Public Accounts Committee

2006. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Accounts Committee has indicted the Ministry of Defence for its failure to develop and produce a trainer Air Craft, which has entailed a huge infructuous expenditure of Rs. 27 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government have tried to find out as to who is accountable for such a big wastage;

(c) what action is being contemplated against those who are responsible for this; and

(d) what is being done to ensure that such wastages are not allowed in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) The Public Accounts Committee (1991-92) in its Twenty-Fifth Report (Tenth Lok Sabha), laid in Rajya Sabha on 30-4-92 observed that the